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## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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### Meetings this week:

**Waterfront Committee,  
Nov. 16, 5 p.m.**

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at 5 p.m. in Room 305 at the

Friday, November 13, 2015



## Dover Community Trail committee to host clean-up day Saturday

Need a reason to spend this Saturday outside and enjoy Dover's Community Trail? Join the Community Trail Advisory Committee during its trail clean-up day on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are invited to spend whatever time they can Saturday cleaning up the Community Trail. All are welcome.

If interested, meet at the Rotary Trail Head at the rear corner of the Transportation Center Parking lot to get a bag. Please bring your own gloves and any tools you prefer to use.

This is a great way to get outside, get some exercise, meet new people, and help give back to your community.

McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

### **Planning Board, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

### **City Council, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

### **Zoning Board, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).

Residents, property owners and visitors to Dover are also invited to join the Community Trail Advisory Committee at their next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to brainstorm what the trail will look like in the future. The City has received a grant to expand the trail in the north and southern parts and to make general improvements to the trail as a whole and is looking for input.

For more information about the Community Trail, contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008, email [d.benton@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.benton@dover.nh.gov) or like the Dover Community Trail [Facebook page here](#).

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## **City of Dover's fall sign clean-up begins Nov. 16**

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development will conduct a clean-up of signs remaining from the Nov. 3, 2015 election, as well as those placed on trees and utility poles or within the right-of-way without permission. The fall sign clean-up will begin on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

Per state law, all political advertising shall be removed by the candidate no later than the second Friday following the election. Candidates who advertised for the Nov. 3 election should remove their signs no later than Friday, Nov. 13.

Another goal of the City of Dover's regular sign clean-ups is to remove signs placed without permission, such as those often found attached to roadside trees and utility poles, or on the ground along roadsides. Often, these constitute "off-premises signs," which are generally not permitted in Dover. These signs may cause a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians, or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents and visitors.

Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner, explains that another goal of the clean-up is to support those organizations with legal signage.

"In addition to maintaining safety and aesthetics, removing illegal signs helps to ensure that those who've followed the rules know that their efforts to obtain permits are meaningful," Piekut said.

Owners are advised to remove any unpermitted signs prior to the clean-up, which will occur during the week of Nov. 16, 2015. Any sign that is confiscated will be held at City Hall for 30 days prior to being recycled or destroyed, unless the sign is claimed by the owner after paying a reclamation



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### City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
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8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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fee based on the actual cost of man hours and equipment use. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

The cleanup will be the second conducted in 2015. The first, in March, resulted in the confiscation of 12 signs. The City's focus on enforcement of the ban on off-premises advertising began in 2010, when up to 80 signs could be confiscated on a quarterly basis.

For more information please contact Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner, by phone at 516-6008 or by e-mail at [e.piekut@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.piekut@dover.nh.gov).

## City of Dover survey seeks community feedback

The City of Dover is asking residents to participate in [The 2015 National Citizen Survey](#). The survey is designed to provide a baseline of how the City's government is serving residents, to gauge perceptions of the city and to make comparisons with peer cities.

The city contracted with National Research Center, Inc. to participate in The NCS, an instrument that was developed in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in 2001 to provide cities with a low-cost, high-quality method to conduct market research.

The survey centers on community livability and includes questions about the quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local government services and resident use of services.

The survey is now open to everyone, and can be [accessed here](#). The direct link is: [www.n-r-c.com/survey/doversurvey2015.htm](http://www.n-r-c.com/survey/doversurvey2015.htm).

Recently, a random and scientific sample of 1,400 households received invitations by mail to participate in the survey. That portion of the survey has closed.

"Participation in the survey is very important," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Feedback from this survey helps guide decisions that affect our City."

The National Citizen Survey was among the first scientific surveys developed to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues, and has been used in more than 350 jurisdictions across 46 states. The NCS is a high-quality cost-effective scientific survey of resident opinion and an important benchmarking tool that allows for comparison

among communities. Communities using The NCS have reported that the tool helped improve performance, strengthen communications with community stakeholders, and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

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## Dover Turkey Trot 5k benefits Garrison School PTA

It's not too late to register for the Dover Turkey Trot 5k, the 11th and final race of the Dover Race Series.

Earn a Dover Race Series jacket or just come for a great time with the family Thanksgiving morning. Run or walk Dover Turkey Trot and make it your Thanksgiving morning tradition.

Dover Turkey Trot is a 5k road race designed for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Fun Thanksgiving themed prizes will be awarded to first place male and female winners of all age groups. Additional prizes will be awarded to first place boy and girl in grades K-4.

All proceeds benefit the Garrison School PTA.

Online registration closes Tuesday, Nov. 24, but you can still sign up at pre-race bib pick-up 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 25 or sign up race day. Race day prices increase to \$25 for adults and \$15 for students K through 4th grade.

To register online, visit <http://www.doverturkeytrot.com/>.

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## History and uses of essential oils

## program at the Dover Library

The Dover Public Library will host a program on the History of Essential Oils: From Egyptians to Present Day, on Monday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Essential Oils have been an important part of living a healthy life throughout history. Egyptians were some of the first people to use aromatic essential oils extensively in medical practices, beauty treatment, food preparation and religious ceremony. The Greeks used essential oils in massage. The Romans used essential oils to promote health and personal hygiene. Today essential oils are reemerging as an alternative in our healthy lifestyle. Essential oils are used in food preparation, beauty treatments, and medicinally. They are used aromatically, topically and internally.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050. Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

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## SEED seeks projects for fall funding

The Seacoast Educational Endowment of Dover ("SEED"), a non-profit organization that promotes academic excellence by providing innovation grants to Dover educators, is now accepting applications for its fall funding period.

SEED will be funding up to \$5,000 in grant awards for unique learning proposals to be implemented throughout the Dover public school district. Deadline for application submission is Dec. 1, 2015.

SEED is searching for innovative projects in three core categories: Academic Excellence, Innovation and Technology, and Professional Development. Project proposals can focus on practices or resources for any students, classrooms, or age levels in any Dover public school.

Recently funded awards include experiential learning program delivered to Dover High School wellness classes; a grant to purchase hands on multimedia math lab software for the entire sixth grade; Artists in Residence funding to bring Roger Goldenberg and Matt Langley to art and music classes at the Dover Middle School; and a professional development grant for Dover District Math Facilitators.

All proposals will be reviewed by the grant making committee and will abide by SEED's grant evaluation criteria. To learn more information or download an application, please visit [www.doverseed.org](http://www.doverseed.org).

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## Want to share that perfect Christmas tree with the entire Dover community?

Each year, a new Christmas tree is raised at Henry Law Park, signaling the beginning of the winter holiday season in Dover. The City of Dover is seeking this season's tree, and is asking area residents to consider donating the perfect candidate, already growing in your backyard.

The ideal Christmas tree for Henry Law Park is an evergreen, preferably a White Spruce or Balsam Fir, between 25 and 35 feet tall, and growing evenly on all sides.

Have a tree that fits the description? Would you like to share it with the entire community this holiday season? Contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon, who will evaluate the tree. If it's the perfect tree for the park, the City will arrange to cut down the tree and relocate it to Henry Law Park by the end of November.

For more information, or to volunteer your perfect Christmas tree, contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon at 516-6401 or [g.bannon@dover.nh.gov](mailto:g.bannon@dover.nh.gov).

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## Dover Chamber's annual Festival of Trees is Dec. 4

Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and celebrate the holiday season at the sixth annual Festival of Trees on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, from 4-8 p.m., at Dover City Hall. The event is underwritten by Kennebunk Savings Bank.



On display will be 35 beautifully decorated trees for auction with values from \$100 to \$6,000. Make a bid to go home with these one-of-a-kind trees.

For more information, visit the Chamber [website here](#).



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



**Nov. 15, 1697** - Thomas Chesley slain by the Indians not far from Johnson's Creek; Will Jackson taken at the same time, and at the same time made his escape.



**Nov. 14, 1818** - Joseph Cushing is born.

Joseph Cushing was born on the family farm on the Dover Point Road on November 14, 1818. The farm included land along the Bellamy River from St. Mary's New Cemetery down to the Varney Brook, and the lane leading into the farmhouse is now called Cushing Road. The house is still standing and dominates a landscape of modern ranch and cottage style homes. Joseph got his education in Dover Schools; probably over at the nearby Upper Neck District

Schoolhouse near the end of Tuttle Lane, and then up at the Pine Hill Schoolhouse in Dover. When he was twenty years old, he left the farm and went to Gloucester, Massachusetts, to work in a fish market, but only stayed there a short time. A circus came to Gloucester and Joseph knew that that was what he wanted. He joined as a roustabout, but saved his wages and soon bought the lemonade concession. He later added the candy business. He was on his way then and became part owner, with the side shows under his control. He learned the circus business thoroughly and eventually bought out the whole show, and it became Cushing Circus of Dover, N.H.

Circuses in those days were transported by team from town to town as booking had to be made within ten to fifteen mile radius, what with gravel and clay roads and possible rainy weather. The equipment had to be struck each night, but the performers lodged in rooming houses and traveled by day.

Mr. Cushing was a great publicity man and believed in side show freaks to up his attendance records. He was always on the lookout for exceptional exhibits and it is said that he taught P.T. Barnum and other circus greats some on their come-on stunts. Some of their odd people wintered in Dover and were seen around our streets during the off season. One of the Colonel's publicity gimmicks was a team of 40 matched cream colored horses drawing his band wagon through the streets and driven by a single pair of reins and one driver. What a stunt.

As success continued, Mr. Cushing, or Colonel Cushing as he got to be known, toyed with the idea of taking his show to Europe but could not finance it alone, so he took in a partner, a Mr. Seth Howe; and they chartered a steamship The South Hampton, put aboard their forty acts of animals and all went to England. They were very successful and stayed over there three years- the first American circus to ever tour England. On Friday, May 17, 1858, they gave a command performance before Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their guests. The velvet gown that Mrs. Cushing wore at that performance is now on exhibition at our Woodman Institute.

Eventually the circus property was sold at auction in London and Colonel Cushing returned with one hundred thousand dollars - a fortune in those days. But the Colonel was not ready to retire yet, so in 1861 he got another show together and toured the South and Southwest. He was again successful and his restless nature drove him to a new venture. This time he got his friends to back him and chartered another ship The North Star, and took the whole show to South America. Everything went fine with this venture, as far as business was concerned but things went wrong suddenly when the treasurer disappeared with all the funds. The Colonel came back to Dover in 1877 and retired to the farm where he lived until his death in 1884 at

the age of 66. But the circus world did not forget him and many circus people came to visit him in his retirement. The famous midget General Tom Thumb visited him many times. There was a story our Dad told about Tom Thumb contracting a cold while visiting the Colonel and our grandpa Dr. Jefferson Smith was called in to treat him. We have heard many more stories from father's generation about the town boys going down to the Cushing farm to see the lions and tigers in their winter quarters. Also there was the one about the orangutan that the Colonel allowed in the house and could wear clothes and eat with knife and fork.

From Rambles About the Dover Area 1623-1973, by Daniel J. Smith, 1973.



**Nov. 13, 1833** - Meteoric shower of stars observable, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, which attracted much attention throughout the country.



**Nov. 19, 1856** - Two young men, George S. Clark, aged 26, and John Foss, aged 23, were killed by the premature discharge of a cannon which they were firing on Garrison Hill, to celebrate the election of President Buchanan.



**Nov. 15, 1864** - Great Union demonstration in honor of the re-election of President Lincoln, and the glorious and overwhelming victory of Law, Liberty and Union, over Secession, Disunion and Treason. The Union Citizens of Strafford County and vicinity, contemplated a grand Union mass meeting before election, but the severe storm prevented, and it was postponed to Tuesday the 15th when the recent glorious and overwhelming victory of Law, Liberty and Union over Secession, Disunion and Treason might be appropriately observed. The day opened finely and everything betokened a rousing demonstration. Early in the morning the streets of the city began to be thronged with people and delegations arrived by the morning trains from Alton, Farmington, Rochester, Newmarket, Madbury, Exeter, Concord, Portsmouth, Great Falls and other places. At 12 o'clock the procession moved through our principal streets, escorted by the Strafford Guards, the whole under the direction of Hon. William F. Estes, Chief Marshal. A salute was fired at the starting of the procession; flags were displayed on the City Hall, Republican flag staff and Engine Houses. In the procession was Governor Gilmore and staff mounted and in full uniform; the 13th N. H. Band from the front ; the Young Lincoln and the Young Washington Guards; a Cavalcade of 200 Horse, and Citizens of this and all the neighboring towns in carriages to the number of 500.

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**Sunday hours at the Recycling  
Center continue**

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will open for additional weekly hours for several Sundays in November.

The Recycling Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, [click here](#).

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## Dover Chamber seeking nominations for annual awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for their Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner Jan. 22, 2016.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 4.

For more information, or to nominate a business, organization or person, [click here](#).

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### CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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## Parking garage permit requests now being accepted

Anyone interested in obtaining a monthly parking permit in the Orchard Street garage can now add their name to a list maintained by the City of Dover Parking Bureau. Current permit holders will have priority. The remaining permits will be issued based on the list. The Parking Garage is on schedule to open in late November.

Permits for the remainder of fiscal year 2016, which ends next June, are \$45 per month. Rates are established each year by the City Council as part of the annual budget adoption. The Parking Commission will review parking related fees during their meetings in the coming months and if any changes are recommended, they will be forwarded to City Council.

Those interested in adding their name to the list should [parking@dover.nh.gov](mailto:parking@dover.nh.gov). Only email requests are accepted at this time.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277 or [parking@dover.nh.gov](mailto:parking@dover.nh.gov).

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## Fall leaf collection continues for one more week

The City of Dover 2015 fall leaf collection will take for one more week, from Nov. 16-20.

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste is accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 516-6450.

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## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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### City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

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### Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

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### Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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